

And whereas an Ordinance has been passed (No. 14 of 1856,) by the Lieutenant-Governor of Natal, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of that colony "for authorising the importation into the colony of Natal, of books, being Foreign reprints of books first composed, or written, or printed, or published in the United Kingdom, and in which there shall be copyright," whereby provision is made for protecting the rights of British authors in the said colony.

And whereas Her Majesty has expressed Her royal approval of the said Ordinance.

Now therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of Her Privy Council, and by the authority of the same, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that so long as the said Ordinance shall remain and continue in force within the said colony, all prohibitions in any of the said hereinbefore recited Acts of the Imperial Parliament, or in any other Acts thereof contained, against the importing into the said colony, or against the selling, letting out to hire, exposing for sale or hire, or possessing therein Foreign reprints of books first composed, written, printed, or published in the United Kingdom, and entitled to copyright therein, shall be suspended, so far as regards the said colony.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Right Honourable Henry Labouchere, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, are to give the necessary directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

WM. L. BATHURST.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS an Act of Parliament was passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage."

And whereas another Act of Parliament was passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by post, and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post-office."

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to them in and by the said two before-mentioned Acts, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, did, by a certain Warrant in writing under the hands of two of them, the said Commissioners, and by the authority of the Statute in that case made and provided, bearing date the 22d day of February 1855, order and direct that all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, and all packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures, might be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the several places mentioned and set forth in the Schedule B to the said now reciting Warrant annexed; and that all such respective packets should be so transmitted in conformity with, and under, and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions thereinafter mentioned and contained. And that the single rate of postage for the transmission thereof should be that which was mentioned and set forth against the said places respec-

tively in the said Schedule B. And that all such respective packets so transmitted should be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage thereinafter mentioned.

And whereas it is expedient to extend the provisions of the said recited Warrant of the 22d day of February 1855, except as hereinafter mentioned, to packets of a like kind to be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the Colonies of the Falkland Islands, Gambia, Labuan, and Vancouver's Island.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said two hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant, under the hands of two of us, the said Commissioners, by the authority of the Statute in that case made and provided, order and direct that all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, and all packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, or any of the Colonial Legislatures, may be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the Colonies respectively of the Falkland Islands, Gambia, Labuan, and Vancouver's Island respectively, and that on every such packet, so transmitted under the provisions of this Warrant as aforesaid, if not exceeding half a pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for the transmission thereof as aforesaid, the uniform single rate of postage of sixpence; and that on every such packet exceeding half a pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, such progressive and additional rates of postage as are directed to be charged, taken, and paid, on and in respect of the several packets mentioned and contained in, and authorised to be transmitted by the post under the provisions of the said recited Warrant of the 22d day of February 1855.

And we do further order and direct that the terms "books," "publications," or "works of literature or art," herein used, shall, for the purposes of this Warrant, have the like meaning, and include the same articles and things in all respects, as are mentioned and described to be meant and included by the like terms used in the said Warrant bearing date the 22d day of February 1855.

And we do further order and direct that all such respective packets to be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this present Warrant, shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under, and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions contained in the said recited Warrant of the 22d day of February 1855, with respect to the several packets therein mentioned, (except such as relate exclusively to packets posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the East Indies or New South Wales, or posted in the East Indies or New South Wales, addressed to the United Kingdom,) and that all such respective packets so to be transmitted under the provisions of this present Warrant, shall be subject as well to the several progressive and additional rates of postage aforesaid, as also to the said several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions (except as aforesaid) respectively mentioned, expressed, and contained in and by the said hereinbefore recited Warrant of the 22d of February 1855, in like manner in all respects, and as fully and effectually, to all intents and purposes, as